

Appl. No. 09/675,427
Amdt. dated April 11, 2005
Supplemental Amendment

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy toward their attorney in telephone interviews on April 1, April 5 and April 8, 2005. In the interview, it was agreed that the application would be allowed, if Applicants amend claims 1 and 6 to recite, "computer implemented" and add parentheses to the step indicators to improve readability, cancel claims 2, 3, 7 and 8, provide a new abstract of 150 or fewer words, make several typographical corrections to the specification, and submit formal drawings.

The foregoing amendments implement all of the changes upon which agreement was reached. Applicants note that in response to the examiner's inquiry regarding page 11, line 8, the word "without" in the original text is correct and no amendment is necessary.

Applicants have canceled claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 without prejudice to secure early allowance of this application, but reserve the right to pursue claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 in a continuing application filed while this application is still pending.

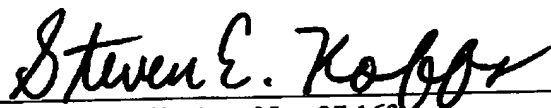
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings